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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your two letters of 19 December addressed to Mr. McCone and for the enclosures concerning places and people in the Soviet Orbit and Communist interest in youth.

Your thoughtfulness in bringing this to our attention is appreciated, and I have forwarded it to our specialists for their information on a need-toknow basis.

Sincerely,

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Signed G. P. CASELL

C. P. Cabell General, USAF Deputy Director

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 19, 1961

BY LIAISON

Honorable John A. McCone Director Central Intelligence Agency Administration Building 2430 E Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McCone:

Material contained in the enclosed memorandum was supplied by a source who has furnished reliable information in the past. Information in this memorandum concerns relations between Albania and Czechoslovakia, the Tenth Party Congress of the Progressive Party of Cyprus Working People and Sema Kuznetsov of Moscow, Russia.

Because of the sensitive nature of our source, we have classified this communication and its enclosure "Top Secret." This information is being furnished to other appropriate officials of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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PLACES AND PEOPLE IN THE SOVIET ORBIT

Relations Between Czechoslovakia and Albania

In early December, 1961, a member of the International Department, Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, in charge of relations with communist parties of all capitalist countries, made a number of comments in regard to relations between Albania and Czechoslovakia. The essence of his remarks as related by our source is as follows:

"We have had real difficulties with the Albanians. In the past we have had many Czechoslovakian citizens in Albania for the purpose of assisting Albania in the development of its economy. Recently, the citizens have been abused, have found themselves in difficulties and could not work. For example, our people formerly lived in a housing compound and had their own homes. In their homes they would hang pictures of Khrushchev on their walls but the Albanians would come into these homes and remove such pictures. Because of such abuse, we have had to withdraw our people and now there are probably less than a handful, maybe three or four Czechoslovakians, in Albania.

"Up until last year we had over 200 Albanian students attending schools in Czechoslovakia. This number was about half of the total number of all foreign students enrolled in our schools. Although the number of students was out of proportion, the Albanians insisted that they be allowed to come and it was agreed. Last year these students began to create provocations against us and the number of Albanian students in the country was reduced to 38. Last summer they all went home and only 17 returned this fall. Of this 17, 11 have now been told to return to Albania because it was apparent they had been sent to Czechoslovakia to engage in propaganda and agitation against us. Now, of the remaining six students, some do not want to return to Albania."

Tenth Party Congress of the Progressive Party of Cyprus Working People

The Progressive Party of Cyprus Working People will hold its Tenth Party Congress, March 8-11, 1962. One of the main subjects to be discussed at this Congress will be the Party program which, in the main, was approved at the Ninth Party Congress.

During the 22nd Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) held in Moscow, Russia, October, 1961, the Progressive Party of Cyprus Working People solicited messages from the various communist parties represented which might be read at its Tenth Party Congress. Such messages should be sent to the Central Committee of the Progressive Party of Cyprus Working People, 10 Rahtivan Street, Nicosia, Cyprus.

Sema Kuznetsov

Sema Kuznetsov is employed as a Technical Secretary in the North and South American Section of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU in Moscow. She works in the office of Nikolai Mostovets, who heads this Section. Her particular job places her in possession of the intimate working details of the Section. She has the responsibility of handling confidential matters.

She is approximately 38 to 40 years old and recently moved into an apartment located in the same building in which Victor Jeremy Jerome, an American citizen, resides. Her husband is deceased.

As of January, 1960, Jerome resided in Apartment Number 20, Pervaya Ulitsa Stroitelei Number 4, Korpus 3, Moscow B311, Russia.

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My dear Mr. McCone:

Material contained in the enclosed memorandum was supplied by sources who have furnished reliable information in the past. Information in this memorandum relates to the mutual interest on the part of the Communist Party, USA, and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to influence American youth by sponsoring trips of young Americans to the Soviet Union for communist indoctrination during 1962. The Soviets also desire to encourage an increased exchange of visits and ideas between the youth of the United States and the Soviet Union and thus assist in the spread of communist dogma.

Because of the sensitive nature of our sources, we have classified this communication and its enclosure "Top Secret." This information is being furnished to other appropriate officials of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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COMMUNIST INTEREST IN YOUTH

A World Youth Festival is scheduled to be held at Helsinki, Finland, during the period July 27 to August 5, 1962. Gus Hall, General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), has asked the Communist Party of the Soviet Union if it might be possible to invite 100 or 200 young Americans to the Soviet Union prior to or subsequent to this World Youth Festival so that they may attend a seminar for the purpose of impressing upon them ideas of communism.

In November, 1961, Pyotr Reshetov, Chairman, Committee of Youth Organizations and Secretary of the Young Communist League, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, took this request under advisement in Moscow, Russia. The essence of Reshetov's remarks concerning this request is as follows:

Reshetov desired that the CPUSA furnish the names of six or seven individuals who will be recognized as the United States Festival Committee. The Soviet Union will make every effort to bring a number of young Americans to the Soviet Union for a period of ten days subsequent to this Festival. He desired to consult with the official United States Festival Committee concerning the matter and stated that such young Americans can be invited to the Soviet Union as tourists and there will be no expense for them.

Contacts by the Soviets with the "bourgeois" youth organizations in the United States have been "frozen" for the past three years. However, during 1961, the Soviets have sent two high-level delegations to the United States. One such delegation consisted of four Soviets and was scheduled to remain in the United States until December 15, 1961. The delegation was to negotiate with all major youth organizations in the United States and propose that a conference of American and Soviet youth be organized in 1962 or 1963. Such a conference could be held in New York, New York, or in Moscow. The purpose of the conference would be to discuss ways to continue contacts between the young people of the

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United States and Russia. If the proposal for such a conference is not acceptable, then the Soviets might offer a proposal for a cultural festival to be held in the United States or Russia or propose that "ships of friend-ship" be exchanged between the two countries. Reshetov commented that "we" desire to make contacts with American youth and attempt to determine whether or not "we" can break the United States State Department's hold over such youth contacts.

Reshetov stated that arrangements are being made for student contacts directly with some universities in the United States. Such contacts would be made for the purpose of having United States students travel to the Soviet Union to work in laboratories, render services on farms and perform similar duties. The Soviets to date, however, have not made any decision as to the universities to be contacted but under consideration are the University of Chicago and Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, according to Reshetov.

With regard to the question as to how non-Party conservative youth in the United States could make contact with the Soviet youth, Reshetov noted that there had been established recently an "Institute for Soviet-American Relations" in Moscow which deals with studies and subject matters relating to both countries and other matters of common interest. He stated that it would only be necessary for non-Party conservative youth to write to the Youth Commission of this Institute.

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